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JFK's Killer Warned FBI, Paper Says

Agency 'Buried' Oswald Letter On Wife Quizzing

DALLAS (UPI) — Lee Harvey Oswald Delivered a "threatening letter" to the FBI several days before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, but the FBI destroyed the note and has kept quiet about it for past 12 years, it was reported today.

The letter did not mention Kennedy, the Dallas Time Herald said in a front-page story.

The newspaper said the FBI has begun a "full internal inquiry into the Oswald visit and the possible criminal violations in connection with the destruction of the note and the failure to report its existence."

According to the report the note was intended to stop FBI agents from further questioning of Oswald's wife, Marina. Mrs. Oswald was being visited by FBI agent James P. Hosty Jr., in connection with the bureau's investigation of her husband prior to the presidential visit Nov. 22, 1963.

Neither the note nor the visit resulted in Oswald's being placed under active surveillance, according to the report.

The story, based partly on conversations with FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and "sources within the FBI," said "apparently those personnel in the Dallas FBI offices at the time, who knew of Oswald's visit and his letter, have kept the incident secret for almost 12 years."

The source said the note was destroyed after the assassination. He refused to say who did away with the note.

"In my judgment, this information coming out will blow the lid off the whole damn' case," the paper quoted its source as saying.

The paper quoted a source as saying then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover probably was not aware of the visit or the letter and neither was then-Dallas Agent in charge J. Gordon Shanklin.

Shanklin has denied knowledge of the letter and the visit.

The report quoted Hosty, now in the FBI's Kansas City offices, as saying "I'm not in a position to say anything on that."

Hosty's supervisor in 1963, Ken Howe, could not be reached at his offices in San Diego Calif.

The newspaper said the FBI's investigation was proposed "as a result of questions asked during a July 6, 1975 meeting with Kelley in the Washington FBI headquarters.

Kelly said "prior to the current FBI inquiries, there had been no information concerning this visit ad note recorded in FBI records, and inquiries tend to corroborate that shortly after the assassination, the note in question was destroyed."

"Inquiries are continuing to determine the full facts concerning the handling of this matter," Kelley said.

The FBI said it would have no further comment until "all inquiries have been concluded and the matter considered by the department."